GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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RED ALERT AT NATIONAL PORT
ANANDRAO ADSUL;GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ;GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have issued a warning to the various Port aurhorities in the country regarding terrorist attacks from the sea on the vital installations of the Port;

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines given to them in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by the Port authorities thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a), (b) & (c) Ministry of Shipping advised the Major ports to take strict measures to protect and safeguard ports. In addition to the regular security arrangements, measures taken include:-

- Special watch is being kept on patrolling of inner harbour waters. Night patrolling has been intensified. Strict punitive action is being taken against those fishermen who attempt to enter into inner harbour waters by country boats. - The security of the Ports has been beefed up with extra deployment of CISF personnelat various vulnerable points. - Entry to the port has been restricted and identity is strictly checked. - Water Front patrolling has been beefed up. - The Civil Defence Authority has been requested to conduct training programme for all categories of personnel. - Important security matters are being reviewed regularly. - Random checking at vital installation has been intensified.